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Pages Learn About Legislature

Taxpayer Appreciation Proposed

Today, Representative Tyler Boonstra introduced House bill 2543, which addresses the issue of Tax Appreciation. "The bill is a good one because it will make the people feel a little better about giving taxes," said Representative Tyler Boonstra. This bill will allow the Governor one day out of the year to show appreciation to the taxpayers in Washington. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not come up for a vote.



Board game simulates bill process.

On Monday, pages played a board game designed to simulate for them the process by which a bill becomes a law in Washington State. They came to understand that only about ten percent of the bills that are introduced actually become laws. They also experienced the frustration of having a bill "die" in the middle of the process.

Children Aren't Adults!

Today, Representative Daniel Gross introduced House bill 2590, which addresses the issue of adult movie tickets being sold to kids. "The bill is a good one because when a fourteen-year-old buys an adult ticket he or she can rationalize that they should go into an adult movie. It just kind of closes a logical loophole," said Representative Gross. The bill would make movie theaters sell adult tickets only to people over seventeen years of age. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Changing School Health Codes

Today, Representative Brooke Daniels-Brown introduced House bill 7427, which addresses the issue of school health codes. "The bill is a good one because it gives students more freedom to choose," said Representative Brooke Daniels-Brown. This bill would make it so that schools would have healthy foods and snack foods. By doing this students would be able to choose what ever they wanted without having any restrictions. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Education For All

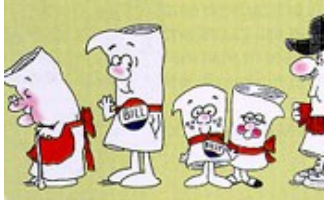
Today, Senator Lauren DeRosier introduced Senate bill 5902, which addresses the issue of education for convicted criminals. "The bill is a good one because greater education means more open doors," said Senator DeRosier. The Criminal Education Bill addresses the fact that many convicts have not completed high school and those who have would be benefited by college education. The idea behind this is with more education, opportunities that were not available before will be available and the number of repeat offenders will be greatly decreased. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



WASL Taking The Tax Payers' Money

Today, Senator Deja Dunning introduced Senate bill 6444, which addresses the issue of The WASL as a graduation requirement. "The bill is necessary because economy is being deprived of necessary assurances as WASL money is not being allocated wisely," said Senator Dunning. The bill holds sopho-

mores responsible, showing they can apply their learning to a test. It encourages the students to be eager for their learning , and it comforts the tax paying community of how their funds are distributed. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15 , 2006. This bill passed.



I'm Just A Bill video provides review of bill process

After playing the Bill Process Game, pages viewed the video *I'm Just A Bill*. Many of them stated that they remembered viewing this in elementary school. This short video accurately illustrates all of the steps in the process

Do We Really Need Curfews? What The Purpose Of Kids Getting Into Trouble?!?!

Today, Representative Krista Engelhart introduced House bill 1989, which addresses the issue of Curfews. "The bill is a good one because it will prevent teenagers from getting into trouble because they are driving home or going home later at night or just out to late," said Representative Engelhart of the bill to have no curfews at all. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not come up for a vote.



Students Are Unable To Make Choices!

Today, Senator Jordan Graham introduced Senate bill 5591, which addresses the issue of food provided by schools in relation to students' decision-making skills. "The bill is a good one because it will allow students to become more independent in choosing what will be included in their diet, as well as allow the schools to gain money from a \$1 state tax increase that will become effective one year from when the Governor approves the bill," said Senator Graham. Schools will provide healthy and un-

healthy food; decided by the Washington State Senate, and the Public Health Department. This will allow students to become more independent and learn that the choices they make will affect their health. It will also allow the student stores to continue to gain revenue and provide what they have been selling to the students in earlier school years. To reduce the amount of unhealthy foods in schools, they will have to take out half of their unhealthy food, and put healthy food in its place. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.



Giving Kids A Break Hurts Them In The Long Run

Today, Senator Cecily Hahn introduced Senate bill 7424, which addresses the issue of students and moving on to the next grade. "The bill is a good one because it will help kids with their education, and will not just let them take the easy way, which can lead to high dropout numbers," said Senator Cecily Hahn. This bill requires students to pass all of their classes and required work before they can move on to the next grade. If at a young age students don't need to meet standards to move on, once they do need to meet standards to move on they will not and end up failing out of school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Pages write bills

Each page wrote a bill designed to solve a problem. Topics for bills included driving age, noise control, fewer school hours for high-schools students, and cell-phone use. They reflect real issues that affect teen-age lives in Washington State. Bills were printed so pages can keep them.

Scooter Skills Test Proposed

Today, Senator Gregory Gill introduced Senate bill 5878, which addresses the issue of children getting hit by cars. "The bill is a good one because it is promoting child safety," said Senator Gregory Gill. Harm coming from children on scooters will be reduced by making them pass a skills test. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Restricting Cell Phone Usage By Drivers Safety On The Road

Today, Representative Martha Lee introduced House bill 2345, which addresses the issue of restricting cell phone usage by drivers. "The bill is a good one because it focuses on the increasing problems for drivers on the road by using their cell phones. Due to the recent problems by drivers using their cell phones, it was introduced to put restrictions on all drivers," said Representative Martha Lee. The bill will be a safety issue that regards all licensed drivers. It will decrease the number of car crashes dramatically and make the roads a much safer place. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.



Today, Representative Anna Ross introduced House bill 2000, which addresses the issue of smoking in motor vehicles. "The bill is a good one because it protects children from second-hand smoke," said Representative Anna Ross. This act requires citizens of Washington State to refrain from smoking in their car or motor vehicle. This act was formed to protect people from second-hand smoke in a confined place, and to prevent possible fires or car accidents. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not come up for a vote.

New Bill Preventing Unawareness Of Sexual Harassment In School

Today, Senator Stevonie Freund introduced Senate bill 5277, which addresses the issue of teaching the signs of sexual harassment to children through the state's public schools. "The bill is a good one because it makes children aware of sexual harassment; it teaches them how to identify it and where to go if they think are being sexually harassed. Over 750 children are victims of sexual harassment every year in the state of Washington," said Senator Freund. The bill is designed to make teachers from grades first through seventh have a knowledge of how to teach the signs of sexual harassment to children. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.



Evolution Competition

Today, Representative Jill Nagy introduced House bill 2222, which addresses the issue of theories fairly presented. "The bill is a good one because it gets rid of certain types of discrimination," said Representative Jill Nagy. The bill makes it illegal to present Evolution without presenting Intelligent Design and Creationism as well. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Businesses given the right to smoke

Today, Representative Carmen Rivera introduced House bill 2524, which addresses the issue of the current smoking law. "The bill is a good one because it gives the freedom back to business owners," said Representative Rivera. It allows the decision of the current smoking radius to include or eliminate businesses who choose to be involved or not. Certain businesses that obtain a profit from tobacco products will have to choose remove their business. It allows business owners to regain their rights. Government owned buildings will still be included under the current 25-foot radius smoking law, such as schools, libraries, etc. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Pages lobby their own bills

Pages practiced lobbying techniques as they encouraged their colleagues to support their bills in committee hearings. They created posters and completed media releases for this newsletter.

How Oregon Income Tax Affects Washingtonians

Today, Senator Julia Hamilton introduced Senate bill 6887, which addresses the issue of Oregon income tax on Washingtonians. "The bill is a good one because it will bring money back to the state, instead of our constituents' money going toward another state's system," said Senator Hamilton. This bill enables us to take part of the money our citizens who work in Oregon pay in income tax, home to their communities. It will bring a happier overall community tone, and if the states collaborate in this bill, it will bring opportunities for future projects, and will leave us on a friendly footing. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not come up for a vote.

Committees debate bills, vote

Pages participated in simulated committee hearings on Wednesday. They read their bills and 'committee' members, governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure, debated the pros and cons of the bills. When pages voted on bills, some ideas were passed on to an imagined legislative body, while others did not pass and "died" in committee. In this newsletter, we have reported which bills passed and which did not pass.



Some Graduation Requirements Are Inherently Unfair

Today, Representative AJ Dotzauer introduced House bill 2885, which addresses the issue of graduation requirements. "The bill is a good one because it promotes students rights and un-fair withholding of graduation certificates," said Representative Dotzauer. This bill allows students to still graduate even if requirements such as physical education, art, and or music are not met. This bill also fines schools for not changing their policies to be in compliance with this bill. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Get Paid For Good Driving

Today, Senator Erik Hansen introduced Senate bill 6464, which addresses the issue of good driving. "The bill is a good one because it encourages good driving, while discouraging the bad," said Senator Hansen. The Washington State government will pay drivers without traffic violations for 2 years \$100. In the next two years the driver would be paid \$200 and these payments would rise proportionally with the years without traffic violations. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not come up for a vote.

Classroom Talking Outlawed

Today, Representative Daniel Jenkins introduced House bill 2222, which addresses the issue of high school organization. "The bill is a good one because it will allow students more time to talk and rest after each period so they will be able to pay attention in class easier," said Representative Jenkins. This bill will increase students break time after each period by five minutes. The law will only be effective in public schools and will require each school to stay an hour after normal school hours. A \$.25 tax will also be put on every pack of cigarettes to pay for the school staff. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Education...or Cell Phones?

Today, Senator Christine Johnson introduced Senate bill 7219, which addresses the issue of cellular phones in classrooms. "The bill is a good one because if education is our goal, cellular phones are just another distraction," said Senator Johnson. This bill will make sure students will not be distracted from their learning by confiscating the cell phone and fining the student. If the bill is ignored by a student the third time the cell phone shall be confiscated and donated to charity. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Obesity Strikes Everyone All Over Washington!

Today, Senator Hyun Lydia Kim introduced Senate bill 6938, which addresses the issue of obesity. "The bill is a good one because it reduces the amount of people who will get obese and leads to a healthy lifestyle for everyone in the state of Washington," said Senator Kim. This bill cuts down on the amount of fast food our state consumes and forces people to eat healthy and exercise. This does not mean that all fast food places will be shut down; it is actually better for the fast food industry because when they raise the prices on the items, they will get more money. Also, people will want to exercise and eat healthily because if they do not, they will have to pay money. They are not necessarily fined because the money all goes for their own good.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Are Your Children Safe?

Today, Representative Matty Klopp introduced House bill 3050, which addresses the issue of Teen Driving Ages. "The bill is a good one because it ensures that your child will be safe without distractions for a 12-month period after obtaining their drivers license, that will prevent them from getting into an accident or being killed," said Representative Klopp. This bill will change the 6-month waiting period after obtaining a drivers license to a 12-month waiting period. This will help the driver to become well equipped with skills to handle problems that they may face while driving, without distractions. Twelve months is enough time to become comfortable with the rules of the road and to be able to know how to handle problems later in life when they have many distractions in the vehicle. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Sen. Bob Oke



Rep. Dan Roach



Lt. Gov Brad Owen

Roach, Owen, Oke visit, speak, answer pages' questions

Representative Dan Roach R-31, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen, and Senator Bob Oke R-26 joined the pages during their classes on Thursday. Each of them told students about how they came to be involved in politics and what led them to their current positions, and they discussed issues they are working on during this session. Pages were able to interact with these guests.



Language Instruction Gets A Boost

Today, Representative Kathryn Krueger introduced House bill 2345, which addresses the issue of classical language instruction at the elementary and secondary level. "The bill is a good one because it allows all students the opportunity to study Latin and Greek if they desire," said Representative Krueger. This bill requires all schools, both public and private, to offer Latin instruction at all grade levels, and Greek at the high school level. The

bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Equality, Where Is It?

Today, Representative Tyler Lauzen introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of no equality between House and Senate pages. "The bill is a good one because it will create a greater sense of equality and help produce more productive members of society," said Representative Lauzen. The bill will put a stop to the unfair elevator use given to the Senate pages. This will help the two groups of pages get to know each other better. Also it will build the character needed to be a productive person in our community. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Long Classes Lead To Less Learning.

Today, Representative Amanda Oliva introduced House bill 2786, which addresses the issue of in-class activities and participation of students. "The bill is a good one because it gives children a chance to understand concepts easier and improve their grades," said Representative Oliva. This bill is a great teaching tool that leads to fun in the classroom instead of long inattentive lectures. Teachers need to change their lesson plans to more active and cooperative projects so that kids are more willing to add and share ideas. The results of this law will improve grades as well as elevate the self-esteem of many children. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Budget debate stirs emotions

Using actual state budget figures, pages debated how to balance the state's operating budget. Their task was to make up a \$3 billion deficit. "Is it always this hard?" asked a page as the debate intensified.

New Bill To Save Money On Fuel Costs

Today, Representative Diana Rypkema introduced House bill 2339, which addresses the issue of energy fuels. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce the amount of pollution in

Washington State and will save consumers money by allowing them to have a gas alternative,” said Representative Rypkema. This bill will have gas use in automobiles eliminated fifteen years after the Governor signs it, to make way for other fuel alternatives. There will be a \$.05 gas tax on every gallon of gas purchased, which will fund the research needed to develop the more eco-friendly alternative. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

New Voting Technology

Today, Senator Christopher Trupner introduced Senate bill 5666, which addresses the issue of voting technology. “The bill is a good one because it will reduce the chance of a revote,” said Senator Trupner. We will find out who the government is a lot faster. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

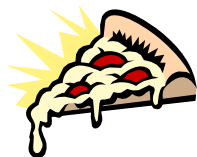


Distributing Noise Control

Today, Senator Sarah Walker introduced Senate bill 5123, which addresses the issue of Noise Control. “The bill is a good one because it describes what will happen if not following the law and also explains that you can or will lose your hearing,” said Senator Sarah Walker. The bill is designed to lower the noise level for car stereos so that people will not lose their hearing. It will also help those who are new at driving so that they will not be distracted. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Senator Wilcox Crusades For Higher Wages

Today, Senator James Wilcox introduced Senate bill 5678, which addresses the issue of hourly wages. “The bill is a good one because it raises the standard of living and provides people with more money for education and health care,” said Senator Wilcox. This bill raises the minimum hourly wage to \$10 and fines employers who fail to comply. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Pages celebrate, mingle at Thursday pizza party

Thursday afternoon, pages took a break from their regular duties and socialized with each other while eating pizza. This was an opportunity for House and Senate pages to mingle at the page Appreciation Pizza Party.

Capital Punishment Getting Executed

Today, Representative Preston Albertine introduced House bill 2839, which addresses the issue of Capital Punishment. “The bill is a good one because it lessens government spending while increasing the overall morality of the Washington State Judicial System,” said Representative Albertine. This bill will completely abolish the death penalty in the criminal justice system. Existing death sentences will still stand. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Watch Where You're Going!

Today, Representative Samantha Herriot introduced House bill 2476, which addresses the issue of age of eligibility for motor vehicle licensing. “The bill is a good one because it encourages young adults to take responsibility for tasks such as driving for when they are older and become an adult at age 18,” said Representative Herriot. The bill states that teenagers will be able to take driver's education at age 14. They will be required to take it for one year and will then be able to take the licensing test when they are 15 years of age. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Fuel Efficient Cars

Today, Representative Eric Jambor introduced House bill 2453, which addresses the issue of giving a tax write-off for purchasing a fuel efficient car. “The bill is a good one because if passed it will reduce fuel consumption for the state of Washington,” said Representative Jambor. This bill will give people who purchase a fuel efficient car a tax write-off. It will also remove the tax write-off for any larger inefficient car. The required miles per gallon to be efficient is 30 miles per gallon.

The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

WASL vs. Graduation

Today, Representative Jacob St. John introduced House bill 2686, which addresses the issue of high school students not being required to pass the WASL. "The bill is a good one because by not passing the WASL, students lives after high school can be greatly affected and they won't be able to have the same opportunities as students who do pass the WASL," said Representative St. John. This bill ensures that students can graduate high school without passing the WASL. What students learn in high school cannot be determined by the results of one test. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not come up for a vote.

High School Arrival Time Extended

Today, Senator Jayleen Bowman introduced Senate bill 7254, which addresses the issue of the starting time for Washington High Schools. "The bill is a good one because it allows high School students to have extra time to rest," said Senator Bowman. The recommended time for hours of sleep each night for a High School student is anywhere from seven to eight hours. However, on average, each teenager gets anywhere from six to seven hours, usually because of homework reasons. If one was given the opportunity to have an extra hour to sleep, the whole environment would benefit, including the teaching staff. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.



Gas Guzzlers To Pay The Price

Today, Representative Will Livesley-O'Neill introduced House bill 1001, which addresses the issue of fuel efficiency. "The bill is a good one because Hummers are ridiculous and anyone who feels like they absolutely have to have one should also have to pay a little to make sure that no one's selling them in the future," said Representative Livesley-O'Neill. The bill would require anyone buying a fuel-inefficient car, defined as one that gets less than thirty miles per gallon, to pay an additional one percent of the cost to an organization working for fuel alternatives. The act is intended to reduce the number of purchases of gas guzzlers and

encourage using alternatives to oil to power cars. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.



High School Starts Late

Today, Senator Sam Densley introduced Senate bill 6514, which addresses the issue of high school start times. "The bill is a good one because high school students get to sleep," said Senator Densley. This bill provides time for students to catch up on their sleep, homework and gives them time to get ready for the day ahead. Students will be able to stay awake and attentive during class. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Insuring Our School

Today, Senator Alexander Walker introduced Senate bill 6309, which addresses the issue of building maintenance funding in public education. "The bill is a good one because it will ensure that public schools have funding for general upkeep," said Senator Alexander Walker. The bill will impose a new income tax, however the tax will be no more than that created by a passed levy. The bill will force the state government to provide the same amount of money created by the tax, and the tax dollars should go nowhere else. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Campbell's Crosswalk Bill

Today, Senator Juliette Campbell introduced Senate bill 5293, which addresses the issue of time for pedestrians to cross at crosswalks. "The bill is a good one because it promotes safety for pedestrians which enables the public to travel confidently," said Senator Campbell. This bill provides a more secure envi-

ronment for pedestrians to move across the street. Also, with this bill it promotes the public to walk more in order to conserve fuel and provides more opportunity for exercise. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.



Jeopardy creates hit

On Friday, pages tested their knowledge of the Legislative process in a spirited game of *Jeopardy*. Winning teams were awarded certificates and brightly colored stickers that they wore proudly for the rest of the day.

Guns Don't Kill People, People Kill People

Today, Senator Morgan Baker introduced Senate bill 7999, which addresses the issue of guns in school. "The bill is a good one because it is harmless and the kids will have more fun," said Senator Baker. It should be okay for kids to have guns in school, as long as they have the orange caps on the barrel, because the guns are harmless. Also the school should have a metal detector to prevent any real guns from entering the building. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

New Driving Courses In High Schools

Today, Representative Shaleesa Mielke introduced House bill 2153, which addresses the issue of driving ages and education. "The bill is a good one because it allows teenagers to be more willing to get the basic driving education that they need to create a safer community," said Representative Mielke. The bill allows teenagers to begin drivers' education at age 15 instead of 15 1/2. Also, to give the opportunity of a better driving education for more teenagers, a drivers' education course will be put in high schools for an elective for teenagers of the appropriate age. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Quicker Building Permit Approval

Today, Senator Chad C. Reeder introduced Senate bill 6872, which addresses the issue of building permits. "The bill is a good one because it will get rid of that nasty wait time you get when you apply for a building permit," said Senator Chad C. Reeder. The bill plans to "speed up and simplify the process of applying for and acquiring a building permit" by setting up a committee "with limited funding, acquired from a building permit tax raise of one U.S. dollar". This committee will "research ways to simplify the application and acquisition process". The bill was heard

before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Homework Reduced.

Today, Senator Kale Daniels-Brown introduced House bill 2535, which addresses the issue of homework. "The bill is a good one because it allows students to spend more time with their family, participating in sports, and many other activities," said Senator Daniels-Brown. Bill 2535 reduces the amount of time each student has to spend out of school doing the work they were assigned. This allows many people to have more time to themselves, instead of towards school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.



Animal Abuse Addressed

Today, Senator Hahna Lee introduced Senate bill 6018, which addresses the issue of animal abuse. "The bill is a good one because it will make people think twice before they decide to hit or kick an animal," said Senator Lee. The animal abuse bill could prevent injuries and even death caused by abuse. It can also teach the person that abusing animals who can't defend themselves is wrong. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

Clean Up the Environment

Today, Senator Jihae Lee introduced Senate bill 5741, which addresses the issue of the environment. "The bill is a good one because it helps everyone," said Senator Jihae Lee. This bill will reduce the amount of litter that is on the roads and highways, it will help the environment also. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.

No More P.E. Classes!

Today, Representative Paige Daniels-Brown introduced House bill 2847, which addresses the issue of students not having to take P.E. as a class at school. "The bill is a good one because it

will allow more students to take classes that they need to take or that they are interested in," said Representative Daniels-Brown. The bill states that if a student is participating in a sport outside of school, then they can use that as a credit for P.E. For those that are not able or don't want to play a sport, they can still take a P.E. class at the school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15th, 2006. This bill passed.

Change Driving Age

Today, Senator Polina Carlson introduced House bill 1313, which addresses the issue of license restriction. "The bill is a good one because it will free the teenagers from an unnecessary law, it will save money for the students, and it will help the environment," said Senator Carlson. This bill will bring the old law back which was that you were allowed to drive anyone around at the age of sixteen, as long as you had your license. This bill will allow students to drive their friends around and save on gas money. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill passed.



A Change In School Starting Times?

Today, Representative Sirius Strebe introduced House bill 3510, which addresses the issue of School Starting Time. "The bill is a good one because it will improve the production of our students and their attendance rates.," said Representative Strebe. If accepted, the Bill would make schools start roughly two hours later, by at least 9:00 AM. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15th, 2006. This bill did not come up for a vote.

Page School on the web

The Page School has its own web site. You can find us at: www1.leg.wa.gov/WorkingwithLeg/PageSchool/. This newsletter has been posted there.

Getting Rid Of The WASL?

Today, Senator Christina Stretch introduced Senate bill 7692, which addresses the issue of the WASL being a requirement to graduate from high school. "The bill is a good one because it will make it so that more people can graduate high school and move on in the world and reality.," said Senator Christina Stretch. The

bill will make it so the WASL isn't a requirement to pass to graduate in high school. Instead it will just continue to be an assessment of student knowledge in certain subjects and different grade levels instead of making it unfair for others. It will make it so that everyone has a chance to move on in the real world, get a job and acquire a salary to live their own lives. We shouldn't limit things others can do like the WASL. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.

Smoking Illegal???

Today, Representative Umelo Ugwoaba introduced House bill 1210, which addresses the issue of Smoking Cigarettes. "The bill is a good one because "It will help reduce young deaths in our society," said Representative Ugwoaba. Smoking will become illegal for people under the age of 18. An offender will be required to pay a \$55 fine and will be taken into police custody for about an hour. That incident will count as the first of three that each person will get. After three strikes the offender will be jailed for three years. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006.

School Hours Changed

Today, Senator Emily Duke introduced Senate bill 7365, which addresses the issue of school hours. "The bill is a good one because school would start later so students will get enough sleep to pay attention in school," said Senator Duke. The bill would make schools start at a later time than they do now. This will make it so kids will go to school to learn and not to sleep. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on February 15, 2006. This bill did not pass.



Page School teachers

Page School's 2006 teachers are (l-r): Paul Prociv, BJ Lutz, and Vicky Whinnery.

Private Funding?

Today, Senator Matt McNeely introduced Senate bill 5678, which addresses the issue of Government funding for private high schools. "The bill is a good one because it will provide a more successful education for private high school attendants," said Senator Matt McNeely. To ensure that kids in private